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May God forbid our saying on this page the things that we think we would be humble in our opinions; we would be considerate of the opinions of others; but we would not be unconfident of the immutable laws of cause and effect; for therein lies the wisdom of the ages.

RELIEF RACKETEERING

It has been common knowledge that racketeering has been going on in the administration of relief for some time. When relief is distributed on such a wide scale it is difficult to check all the recipients. So the unscrupulous take advantage of the situation.

The provincial minister of health related last week of a family which had obtained relief while possessing \$50,000. This is not very encouraging to people who are paying millions annually for relief purposes.

Alberta's annual bill for relief is around \$3.4 millions. That is a very large sum for a comparatively few people to furnish for that purpose. It can't be kept up for long without inevitable bankruptcy and financial collapse.

Common decency would suggest that people should respect the efforts of the citizens of Alberta to take care of people who cannot make a livelihood because their services are not required. But human nature does not seem to work out that way in all cases and there are too many unscrupulous and avaricious persons ready to take advantage of the situation.

HORSE PRICES FAVORABLE

When \$25.81 is realized at a public sale of 308 horses it must be admitted that the day of Dobbin is coming back. That was the result of a recent horse auction at Lacombe, however, and an average price of \$83 per head was obtained. That is the highest since 1928 when \$86 per head was obtained.

There promises to be a better demand for horses for some years as farmers were their animals out during the depression without making plans or arrangements for a new supply. Horse breeding dwindled to a low level and the needed supplies, since prices have risen from the low point, are not available.

Tractor farming has developed tremendously, but it seems apparent that there will always be use for the horse on the farm.

SPRING VERSUS FALL PLOUGHING FOR WHEAT

(Experimental Farms Note)

Some ten years ago, most of the farmers located on loam or sandy loam soils in northwestern Saskatchewan endeavored to do as much fall ploughing as time would permit. This form of tillage was considered good practice both from the standpoint of weed control and distribution of work. In recent years, however, the amount of ploughing done in the fall has rapidly decreased.

An experiment has been in operation at the Dominion Experimental Station, Scott's for the past twenty-one years, to test the value of spring versus fall ploughing for wheat. The test was conducted on duplicate one-fourth plots. Results show that spring ploughing has outyielded fall ploughing by two and one-half bushels per acre for that period. While the yield difference was not great, it is significant that wheat on spring ploughing returned higher yields in seventeen out of the twenty-one years.

Since there is usually more ploughing done in autumn of over average precipitation, the yields have been studied in relation to the previous fall moisture. In nine out of the twenty-one years, the fall precipitation was considerably over the average but only twice during the nine years did fall ploughing outyield spring ploughing. The other two years that fall ploughing returned higher yields was following average fall precipitation. It has been observed that fall ploughed land was usually drier at the time of seeding than spring ploughing. Even though the soil may be quite lumpy at the time of ploughing it does not hold the snow as well as stubble. In fall ploughing, the lumps usually are broken down in the spring, thus making fall ploughed land more susceptible to drifting than spring ploughing—a highly important consideration.

Results of this experiment indicate that spring ploughing is more profitable than fall ploughing, under soil and moisture conditions similar to those prevailing at Scott's, provided that the work is economically performed at that time. On heavy clay soil, double discing stubble has given better results than ploughing either in the fall or in the spring.

BUREAUCRACY VS. PRIVATE BUSINESS

Hon. Chas. Dunning, minister of finance, in discussing the alternatives of bureaucracy and private business, made this statement in the House of Commons:

"I am not one who believes that private business is perfect. Like every other human instrument it is just as perfect as the individuals composing it; even parliament suffers from that limitation. Bureaucracy is subject to just the limitations of the individuals composing it. But, sir, it is subject to something more than that. A bureaucracy operating within a democracy, a series of boards operating the business of the country, have a tremendous self-perpetuating power. Think it over; they have a tremendous self-perpetuating power. One only needs to read the current history of countries which have developed this bureaucratic system which is advocated in the resolution now before the House in order to make a choice between maintaining to the utmost degree the kind of freedom which we enjoy in Canada, and bureaucratic control."

THE EMOTIONAL FACTOR

Pure reason does not govern human beings in many activities of life. Dr. Wallace, president of the University of Alberta, recently stated:

"That statement is true. Reason governs human activities to a limited extent, but emotion also exercises great influence."

We do not sit down and figure out everything we are going to do on a reasoning or scientific basis.

Our hopes and our fears (too often the latter) enter into all our actions. Our emotional nature is almost as strong in directing our actions as our reason.

In religion, which is a most important part of our lives, pure reason cannot possibly govern. We must have faith and trust and hope. And few of us can do without the solace of religion.

If people were constructed so as to think and act on purely logical lines a pattern of action could be laid out. But human nature is not that way.

Even in our longing for immortality emotion plays a greater part than does cold reason.

"KIPPLINGARIA"

Since Rudyard Kipling died many stories of interest concerning his career and personality have been told. One of these is about the naming of the town of Rudyard, Michigan, after the famed British poet. The decision to name the town Rudyard was made by the president of the Baltimore & Ohio railway, who informed Kipling of the honor done him.

In reply Kipling sent a photograph with the following verse on the back:

"Rudyard and Kipling"

"Wise is the child who knows his sire,"
And ancient proverb ran;
But wiser far the man who knows
How, when and where his offspring grows,
For who the mischief would suppose
I've sons in Michigan?"

Yet I am saved from midnight ills
That warp the soul of man.
They do not make me walk the floor,
Nor hammer at the doctor's door;
They deal in wheat and iron ore,
My sons in Michigan.

O' tourist in the Pullman car
(By Cook's or Raymond plan);
Forgive a parent's partial view;
But maybe you have children, too—
So let me introduce to you
My sons in Michigan.

A BOY'S ESSAY ON EDITORS

"I don't know how newspapers got into the world, and I don't think I do, owing for He ain't got nothing to say about them in the Bible. I think the editor is the missing link we read of, and stayed in the bushes after the flood, and then came out and wrote the thing up, and has been here ever since. If the editor makes mistakes, folks say he ought to be hanged; but if the editor makes mistakes he buries them and people don't say anything because they can't read and write Latin. When the editor makes mistakes there is a big lawsuit, and swearing and a big fuss, but if the editor makes one there is a funeral, cut flowers and perfect silence. A doctor can use a word a yard long without him or anyone else knowing what it means, as well as stubble, but fall ploughing, the lumps usually are broken down in the spring, thus making fall ploughed land more susceptible to drifting than spring ploughing—a highly important consideration.

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The Blainmore Enterprise.

Ten Minutes with the Scotch Philosopher

In a small Scottish town a bull recently went on the prowl, and after compelling a number of citizens to seek refuge in trees, etc., he bounded into the yard of the village Bobby, and proceeded to knock things about. This so angered the guardian of the law that he drove the critter home to his rightful abode.

A few hours later a guy was found sleeping in a ditch.

He had been out on a little recreation, and although thoroughly incensed, was as peaceful as a newborn lamb.

And did the cop show him home as he had done the bull?

Not on your life!

Instead, the poor fellow was placed on a wheel barrow and taken to the lock-up.

Worse still, when he appeared before the magistrate the following day he was fined 10 shillings and costs and also received a long lecture on his short comings from the unsympathetic clerk.

Wasn't that a dreadful pickle to get into?

And all because our unfortunate comrade took a few extra shillings that he should have kept for the morning after.

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Crowfoot: Heroic and Dramatic Figure

Crowfoot, Head Chieftain of the Blackfeet in the years 1885-1890, stands forth as the most heroic and most dramatic figure of all the Western Indian tribes—just as the Signing of the Peace Treaty at Fort Belknap, Crossing on the Bow River mouth of Clancy, stands out as the most dramatic incident in the annals of Western history.

Crowfoot played an important role in that drama of the West, a drama that was momentarily verging on tragedy, in failure and massacre, and savagery.

His tribesmen were at that time beset, through days of stress, for the buffalo was swiftly disappearing from the plains and they were suffering want, and whisky traders and horse-thieves sweeping over the American boundary, were demoralizing and dissipating the Indian resources, yet he maintained the complete confidence of his people as leader and chieftain.

He was sagacious, had a profound sense of honor, was fearless and incorruptible.

Crowfoot was every inch a chieftain, of commanding appearance, his eye hawklike, his features strongly marked, the national characteristics of the redman, his skin a glowing copper red.

He was the chief of the tribe of the Blood Indians, a tribe closely related and always on terms of close friendship with the Blackfeet, but Crowfoot had no children of his own.

At Blackfoot Crossing in September of 1877, as in a great colonial amphitheater, were assembled all the tribes of the Plains, the Bloods, the Piegan, the Stoney, and these greater tribes, the Blackfeet and the Crow, since time immemorial hereditary enemies, 4,000 of them, of different and uncertain temper, disaffected, suspicious, and distrustful of the chief men in their midst who were but a mere handful, 300 in all.

The great white Council Tent of the treaty-makers was presided over by the chief of the North-West Territories, Col. MacLeod, Commissioner of the North West Mounted Police, and his guard of honor, the detachment of full-blooded soldiers. Union Jack flew from the flagpole before the Council tent, a great red bird that Crowfoot and his people believed was a powerful totem to protect those palefaces.

There were four white ladies present on that historic gathering, Mrs. MacLeod, Mrs. Winder, Mrs. DeLong and Mrs. Shurtliff. They had accompanied their husbands, who were as fully aware that she was taking her life in her hands, braved-headed women they were!

Crowfoot listened carefully to the words of the oratory; and when it came his turn to speak, he spoke with fire and eloquence, with gestures full of natural grace and vigor, dealing with him, those who had been disabused and rebellious of entering into treaty with the white men. He pointed out how the Indians should be treated by the orator, and to them by "their friends," the Redcoats whose word they could trust. He reminded them of how these

Redcoats had saved the Indians from exploitation by the whisky traders who were robbing them of their buffalo skins and demoralizing his people with bad whisky.

"I am satisfied, I will sign!" Crowfoot concluded, and he was the first after the Royal Representatives to enter the big sign.

When the Rites of Peace was passed and smoked by white and red chieftains alike; while the Indian warriors made barbaric, reverent about the Council tent. Naked, except for their war-paint and feathers, their horses also bedecked in war-trappings, they circled in wild savagery, firing off their guns, the bullets coming terrifyingly close to those who watched the scene, and filling the air with war-whoops and blood-curdling yells. A revelry that but for the unwavering courage of those few white men and white women, might have ended in bloody massacre—the pale faces' courage and staunch friendship of Crowfoot!

As long as he lived Crowfoot remained the friend of the palefaces and loyal to the "Queen Mother across the Waters," his people likewise.

When the Riel Rebellion broke out he refused to allow the great Blackfoot Confederacy to join in the uprising but held the Plains Indians in his neutral, blood-curdling yells.

On the building of the Canadian Pacific Railway across the prairies, like his fellows he was filled with indignation at the nation that breathed smoke; yet he listened to intelligent reasoning. On the completion of the railway he with others of the chiefs of the nation was taken to Ottawa where Crowfoot met with a royal welcome which he greatly appreciated.

Crowfoot died during his eventful life, he lived to a good old age though he suffered from the wear received in battle to his last day. He died in 1890, the Indians losing a wise and valued chieftain.

This noble chieftain though he was the friend of many misadventures who had ventured among those savage tribes, of his fellow men, and in his death was attended by numerous tribal medicine-men with their drums and incantations. He was buried with six moccasins, and great lamentation. His favorite horse was shot that he might ride swiftly on the trail of his dead, and his body was buried in his hunting grounds, and many of his belongings were buried with him, his rifle and his hunting-knife, his belt, his knife and his accoutrements that he might yet be a great chieftain when he was gone to the Sandilands.

His grave is still to be found on the high promontory overlooking those old camping-grounds of the Indians, in peace or war, at Blackfoot Crossing, where his name has been erected to the memory of that noblest and most heroic chieftain of the Blackfeet, Crowfoot.

» The Creed of the Cowboy «

TO RIDE STRAIGHT! TO SHOOT STRAIGHT! TO TALK STRAIGHT!

Ed. Note: In keeping with our recent editorials on the early cowboys, a friend handed us a copy of the Yavapai Magazine (Prescott, Arizona), in which Walt Colburn, noted author who writes on early frontier days, offers a salute to the cowboy. This is what Mr. Colburn says:

"To the cowboy who played the game, to the cowboy who might make a mistake in the ownership of his land, who would not cheat, who would not lie to any man, who never rode a sore-backed horse, abused a child, a slave, or hurt a woman, who lived up to the cowboy creed: To ride straight, to shoot straight and to talk straight.

To the fast, slipping days of the frontier, when the cowboy was close to nature, learned in her school the education of a gentleman. To ride, to shoot, and to speak the truth."

No Chance of Drying Up

After an hour and a half of preaching, a clergyman was going to break into long windiness and fanciful flights of oratory, but not if I intervened.

And then he wondered why his hearers, instead of showing rapid attention, smiled at each other, some of them audibly.

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If you know of an item for this column, let us know. We appreciate your help in recording the comings and goings of yourself, friends and relatives. Phone 19.

Miss O Dunlap was a week end visitor in the city.

Chas. Siskind of Calgary was a business caller in town on Tuesday.

Mrs. A. P. Thompson, Fred and Verne were week end visitors in Calgary.

A. P. "Jimmie" Pierson was in Calgary for a few days at the first of the week.

Ramsey Broadfoot left this week to visit his uncle in Indian Head, Sask.

C. Peterson left this morning by car for Minot, N. D., after an extended visit here.

Emma Schneider has accepted a position at Fetter's, about a mile out of town.

Mrs. Ward Simpson of Brooks spent the week end as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Butt.

Rosemary

ROSEMARY, March 19th.—People in this community will be sorry to hear that the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brandt of Crowfoot, B.C., was destroyed by fire last Thursday. Only a few articles of clothing were saved.

Mrs. D. MacLeod and Dorothy returned home from Louisiana last Tuesday.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Pete Krause on the birth of a daughter in the Bassano Hospital on Tues. Joe Chabot was a Calgary visitor on Friday.

Mrs. Roy Norton and Mrs. Roy Hup, were visitors at the home of Mrs. N. Taitford last Monday.

Mrs. J. McCall left for Calgary on Thursday to spend a couple weeks.

NOOZIE

A COMEDY OF ERRORS; THE COMEDIAN WHO FIGURED HIS INCOME TAX TOO LOW!

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Hussar

HUSSAR, Mar. 17.—Miss Margaret Sykes and Mr. Hughie Brown motored to Calgary on Friday to spend the week-end with Miss Sykes's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Campbell motored down from Calgary on Friday and will reside in the Christiansen bungalow when the Christiansens have moved to Strathmore. Frank will handle the butcher shop here.

Mr. T. L. Montgomery motored to Calgary on Monday and Mrs. Montgomery and Mrs. Ferguson returned with him, also Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Christie of Edmonton for a week's visit with Mrs. Christie's parents.

Sgt. John W. C. McIntosh, U.S. M.C., and wife, of Santiago, Calif., arrived here on Friday for a visit during his 45 days' leave of absence, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McIntosh, who reside east of Hussar.

He has been in the army for 12 years, most of the time connected with the radio branch in China. They will go from here to Washington, D. C., where he will spend six months studying advanced radio mechanics.

Word arrived that John Elliott left by plane for Santiago to enter the U.S. flying corps.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lawson motored to Calgary on Friday, returning on Saturday.

Mrs. V. LeGrandeur was summoned to Rocky Mountain House Thursday night on account of the illness of her son, Gordon, who was down with pleurisy pneumonia. Mr. R. Warburton took her and Miss Nettie to Calgary and Mrs. LeGrandeur went on by train as the roads were reported impassable. Later word came that he had passed the crisis before she reached him.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo Larsen and Mr. and Mrs. T. Armstrong motored to Calgary on Thursday.

Mrs. T. L. Montgomery and Ivan Montgomery motored to Calgary on Wednesday.

Mr. Anderson and Mr. Shillings have made trips to Calgary this week. Mrs. McAlister left on Tuesday for a week's visit with Mrs. Bert Stitt of Bassano.

The Aid meeting was postponed on account of the epidemic of flu and the condition of the roads, and will take the form of a card party at Mrs. A. E. Holman's on Tuesday, Mar. 17. There are no church services on account of the bad roads.

Messrs. E. J. Grant and J. Tougheed again motored to Calgary on Friday. The young people gave a party in the kitchen in honor of Kai and John Christiansen. Each were presented with a ring in token of their good wishes.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Brown returned from Calgary last week; another young married couple from this community.

SIMPSON RINK WINNER CONSOLATION BY TOSS

The finals of the consolation event in the local mixed bonspiel, held at the end of February, were "bumped" due to the sudden mild weather. Art Simpson and Dr. Keith had advanced to the play-offs in this event.

The winners were recently decided by the tossing of a coin, the coin being won by the Simpson rink, composed of Howard Sandaght, J. Nesbitt and Miss Betty Plummer. The second prize went to the Dr. Keith rink, consisting of Rudy Zelinski, Mrs. A. Hansen and Dr. Broadfoot.

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